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Re: Notification of Enforcement Action - Notice of Agency Action, Jumbo Mining Company & Western States Minerals Corporation, Drum Mine, M/027/007, Millard County, Utah

## Dear Gentlemen:

This letter is sent to advise you of the Division's intention to initiate enforcement provisions as provided for under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8-21(3) and more specifically Rule R647-4-117.4, (Notification of Suspension or Termination of Operations). These regulatory provisions authorize the Division to require reclamation of a large mining operation after five (5) years of continued suspension. It is our intent to file a Notice of Agency Action before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining against Jumbo Mining Company ("JMC") and Western States Minerals Corporation ("WSMC") in an effort to bring about timely reclamation of the surface disturbances associated with the indefinite suspension of gold mining operations at the Drum Mine.

Both the BLM and DOGM inspection records reflect that mining and heap leaching activities were suspended at the Drum Mine in October of 1990. Since that time, the mine site has remained inactive and the overall site conditions have continued to deteriorate. Finalization of the formal permit transfer process of WSMC's complete mining and reclamation permit to JMC remains incomplete. Ongoing litigation between JMC and WSMC over disputed reclamation and surety bonding responsibilities remains unresolved. Jumbo Mining Company has appealed the Colorado court's latest decision directing them to assume full reclamation responsibility and liability for the mine site and WSMC has not sought to enforce its judgements in Utah.

We have no evidence supporting near term resumption of mining operations. The only legal remedy available to the agencies to correct the continued deterioration of the site and to minimize the



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likelihood of any future environmental contamination-related concerns occurring is to order immediate reclamation of the mine site by JMC and WSMC for their respective permit areas.

We will suspend formalizing our enforcement action until August 8, 1996 to allow you sufficient time to provide any comments or objections you may have in this matter. It is our intention to coordinate any future reclamation requirements determined necessary at this mine site with your agency. Prior to this date, DOGM will also provide the parties representatives an opportunity to inform us of any circumstances they are aware of that would change our position.

It is likely that we may seek your (and/or your staff's) assistance to testify as expert witnesses in the event that our enforcement action results in litigation before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. As always, thank you for your continued cooperation and coordination. Please feel free to contact me or Wayne Hedberg of my staff if you have questions regarding the content of this letter. I look forward to hearing from you in the near term.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton

Deputy Director

jb cc:

Terry McParland, BLM, State Office

Tom Mitchell, AAG

Minerals staff (route)

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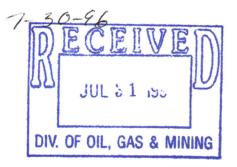
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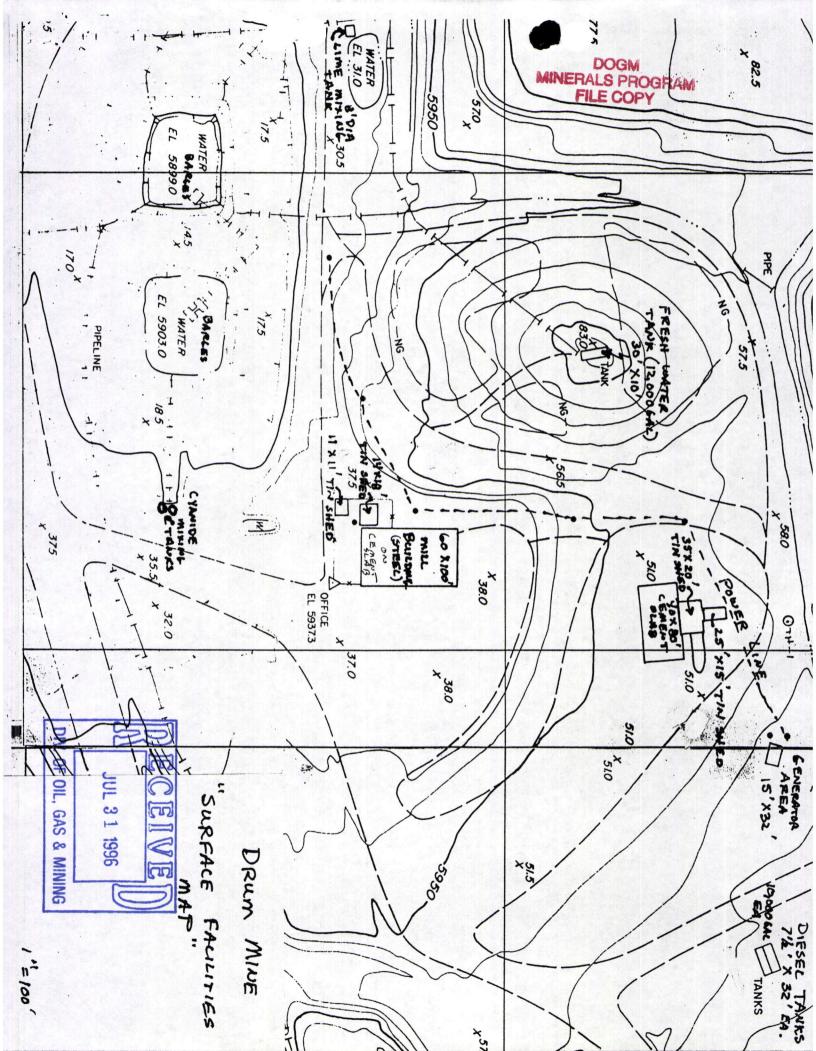
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WAYNE HEDBERG:



ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF OUR DRUM MINE SITE FACILITIES MAP WITH CIST. SORRY FOR THE DELAY.

Dave HARTSHOPN



ITEM #	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	EXHIBIT "A"
1	3	250 GPM CARBON COLUMNS	
5		6' DIAMETER WASH TANK	
3	. 3	o 1011 WORTHINGTON PREG PUNPS, W/BACKUPS	
5	1	7 1/2 HP ALLIS CHALMERS PUMP, CARBON TRANSFER. W/ BACKUP	
6	3	TOTALIZING FLOWMETERS, DATA INDUSTRIAL, PREG SYSTEM	
7	1	1,000,000 GALLON PREG POND, HYPALON LINED	
8	1	1,000,000 GALLON BARREN POND, HYPALON LINED	
9	1 2	TOTALIZING FLOWMETER, DATA INDUSTRIAL, BARRE	EN SYSTEM
10	1	40 HP D-1011 WORTHINGTON PREG PUMPS, W/BACK	JP5
11	1	60 HP D-1011 WORTHINGTON PREG PUMPS, W/BACKL	JPS
12	5	BARREN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, POLYETHELENE, PU	C COMBINATION .
13	ī	PUMPING BARGES W/ RAMPS	
		4,500 #/DAY CARBON STRIPPING SYSTEM	
		a. 5 STRIP TANKS	
		b. 2 OIL FIRED HOT WATER HEATERS	
		<ul> <li>d. 2 STRIP CIRCULATION PUMPS, BURKES W</li> <li>d. 2 RECTANGULAR ELECTROLYTIC CELLS</li> </ul>	/ BACKUPS
		e. 1 POWER EXHAUST SYSTEM, ELECTROLYTI	0.0511.4054
		f. TOTALIZING FLOWMETER, DATA INDUSTRI	C CELL AREA
		g. 1 HBS RECTIFIER	AL, STRIPPING SYSTEM
14	1	6.000 GAL, UERTICAL TANK CLYCOL STORACE	
15	1	1,000 GAL VERTICAL TANK, STRIPPING SOLUTION	STORACE SINSIDE MILL
16	1	21,000 GAL VERTICAL TANK, LIQUID CAUSTIC STOR	ACE (AN PIRELINE)
17	1	LINDBERG MELTING FURNACE, \$30 CRUCIBLE CAPACE	TTY W ACCESSORIES
18	1	POWER EXHAUST SYSTEM, SMELTING AREA	itt, w/ HCCESSORIES
19	1	BUCHNER FILTER, 36" DIAMETER	
50	1	PERISTALTIC PUMP	
21	1	10 HP EMGLO AIR COMPRESSOR	
55	1	CATHODE STORAGE BOX	
23	1	METTLER BULLION BALANCE	
24	1	VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, W/ RECORDER	
25	1	FLOOR SAFE	
26	1	TELEPHONE SYSTEM	
27 28	1	140 GPM FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM W/ PUMPS,7	MILE 6" METAL PIPELINE
58 .	1	PERIMETER FENCE SYSTEM	
	. 1	SAMPLE PREPERATION FACILITY, 100 SAMPLES/ SHI	FT CAPACITY
		a. 1 BICO JAW CRUSHER	
		b. 1 BICO ROTATING DISC PULVERISER c. 2 DRYING OVENS	
		d. 1 POWER VENTILATION SYSTEM	
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		LABORATORY FACILITY, 100 SAMPLES/SHIFT CAPACI a. 1 PERKIN ELMER # 2280 ATOMIC ADSORPT	IT, WET, FIRE ASSAYS
		b. 1 LABORATORY SAMPLE SHAKER	TON SPECTROPHOTOMETER
		c. 1 HAMILTON DIGITAL DILLUTOR	
		d. 1 BICO JAW CRUSHER .	
		e. 1 LABCONCO FUME HOOD	
		f. 2 STIRRING HOT PLATES	
		g. 1 CENTRIFUGE	
		h. 1 PH METER	
		i. 1 CAHN 28 MICROBALANCE	E0000764
		j. 1 LINDBEWRG ELECTRIC ASSAY FURNACE	
		k. 1 METTLER 200g. PULP BALANCE	
		1. 1 JEWELLERS ROLL	
31		m. 1 REAGENTS & GLASSWARE	
35	1	WORKING INVENTORY OF PARTS FOR SYSTEM MAINTENANCE (SHED)	
33	1	WORKING INVENTORY OF HAND TOOLS FOR SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	
34	1	WORKING INVENTORY OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND SUPP	LIES
	1	1978 OLYMPIC 60X100 PROCESS BUILDING (MILL	BUILDING

1	WELL PUMP & WATER-LINE	
45	GENERATORS (200 KW, 200 KW) 150 KW, 100 KW, 20 KW)	
1	500 GALLON TANK @ PD PUMP	
1	1000 GALLON TANK @ WATER WELL	
2		
	10000 GALLON DIESEL TANKS	
1	4000 GALLON GASOLINE TANK (UNDERGROUND) (REMOVED)	
	CHANIDE MIXING TANKS (6'DIA X6', 4'DIA X5')	
1	LIME . MIXING TANK (8'DIA)	
	1 2 <b>4</b> 1	